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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hans REICHLE

Patent No. 6,514,094

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Appl. No.: 09/508,754

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Title: **SET OF CONTACT BLADES IN A MULTIPLE CONNECTOR STRIP
FOR CABLE CONNECTORS, AND MULTIPLE CONNECTOR STRIP**

LETTER TO PETITIONS EXAMINER REGARDING DEFICIENT FEES

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

After review of the file, Applicant has discovered that Small Entity Status was erroneously asserted at the time of paying the 4th and 8th year maintenance fees for the above-identified patent.

The applicant has appointed the below signing petitioner to act on their behalf. A Power of Attorney and a Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b), executed by authorized official for the applicant is attached.

Pursuant to the guidelines of 37 CFR § 1.28(c), the Applicant hereby informs the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office that the above-identified patent was not qualified for Small Entity Status as of the year 2004, when the applicant REICHLE & DE-MASSARI AG status changed from small to large according to the USPTO definition of small entity status. Consequently, the 4th year maintenance fee paid on **June 23, 2006**, and the 8th

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year maintenance fee paid on **July 30, 2012**, were paid in error in regards to the entity status. The error occurred in good faith and with no deceptive intent by the Applicant. Enclosed please find a check in the amount of the deficiency of the payments made to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as a Small Entity on and after the year 2004, when the applicant changed to a large entity.

The type and list of fees erroneously paid for the referenced patent is itemized on the attached "*Itemized List Of The Deficiency Payment*".

The total deficiency payment now owed is \$2,290.00, according to the current fee schedule. A check for the amount of **\$2,290.00** is attached.

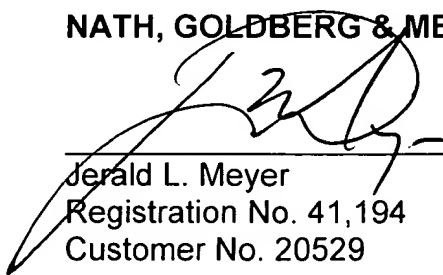
It is requested that this error in claiming small entity status be excused.

This payment of deficiency operates as notification of loss of status and is to be treated at as a **notification of a loss of entitlement to small entity status under § 1.27(g) (2)**.

Should the Patent Office have any questions, the undersigned can be contacted at the below-listed address and telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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